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COUNTY OF MADISON

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**AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE** between the **HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY** (hereinafter “**EMA**”) and the **CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA**, a municipal corporation (hereinafter the “**City**”).

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, it is the objective of the parties to cooperatively work toward the betterment of the community at large; and

**WHEREAS**, EMA will provide aid and assistance in the event of an emergency to the City of Huntsville, City of Madison, and Madison County, Alabama as defined herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants and conditions hereinafter set out, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. This Agreement shall come into effect when the authorized representatives of each party finally execute and affix their respective signatures hereto in their duly authorized capacities. In the event the signatures are affixed on different dates, the date of the final signature shall be the date the Agreement comes into effect. This Agreement shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2023.
2. During said term, it is hereby agreed that EMA shall provide essential services to the City in accordance with Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set out herein, the City otherwise being capable of providing said services for itself.
3. The City agrees to pay to EMA the sum of seventy thousand and seventy-four dollars and no cents (\$70,074.00) for fiscal year 2023, which began October 1, 2022, and ends September 30, 2023, for the services listed in Exhibit A. This sum shall be disbursed on a schedule of disbursement established by the Finance Director of the City of Madison.
4. EMA pledges to act in good faith with respect to the execution of its responsibilities and duties herein undertaken. Further, EMA agrees to and shall provide to the City, upon request, an accounting with respect to how any or all funds provided under this Agreement were expended by EMA.

5. Under no circumstances and in no event shall the City be liable for any debt or obligations incurred by EMA regardless of the purpose for which the debt or obligation was incurred. Additionally, the City shall not be deemed or construed to be a partner, joint venture, or agent of EMA, nor shall EMA at any time use the name or credit of the City in purchasing or attempting to purchase any vehicle, equipment, supplies, or other things whatsoever.
6. It is mutually understood and agreed and it is the stated intent of the parties that an independent contractor relationship be and hereby is established under the terms and conditions of this Agreement, EMA being an independent contractor of the City and in no way deemed to be an agent of the City. It is further mutually understood and agreed that officers, employees, and any other agents of the City are not nor shall they be deemed to be officers, employees, or agents of EMA and that officers, employees, and any other agents of EMA are not nor shall they be deemed to be officers, employees, or agents of the City.
7. EMA is wholly responsible for the execution of the duties conferred herein and shall not transfer or assign this Agreement or any of the rights or privileges granted therein.
8. EMA hereby agrees to comply strictly with all ordinances of the City and laws of the State of Alabama and the United States while performing under terms of this Agreement.
9. Both parties agree that upon violation of any of the covenants or agreements herein contained on account of any act of omission or commission by either party, the City or EMA may, as its option, terminate and cancel this Agreement with thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.
10. EMA agrees that it will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, and all other federal laws and regulations assuring that no person will be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, color, national origin, or disability.
11. If at any time during the City of Madison's above-referenced fiscal year its revenues decrease below that amount projected by the City to sustain the operating budget of the City, this Agreement may be declared null and void and no liability shall accrue to any party hereto.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned have set their hands and seals on each day and year evidenced below.

**HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Its:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_, whose name as \_\_\_\_\_ of the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency is signed to the foregoing instrument, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, he/she, in his/her duly appointed capacity and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said entity.

Given under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA**

**ATTEST:**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Paul Finley, Mayor**

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**Lisa Thomas, City Clerk**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Paul Finley and Lisa Thomas, whose names as Mayor and City Clerk, respectively, of the City of Madison, Alabama, are signed to the foregoing instrument, and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the contents of the instrument, they, as such officers and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of the City of Madison, Alabama, a municipal corporation.

Given under my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

## **EXHIBIT A**

The Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency:

- Shall provide aid and assistance to the City in the event of an emergency for the term of this Agreement. "Emergency" is defined as any occurrence, or threat thereof, whether natural, or caused by man, in war or peace, which results or may result in substantial injury or harm to the population or substantial damage to or loss of property.
- In the event of an emergency, the extent and nature of aid and assistance provided to the City by EMA shall be at the sole discretion of EMA; however, EMA shall act in good faith in responding to any such emergency.
- In no event shall EMA be liable to the City or to any person who resides or works in the City or owns property therein, for failure to provide aid and assistance in the event of an emergency.